

3. (Original) A method of treating a cornea of an eye to effect a refractive correction of the eye, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. delivering a corneal ablating laser beam to an eye in a plurality of pulses, the plurality of pulses creating a plurality of plumes; and
- b. sequencing the plurality of pulses so that a plume associated with a specific pulse does not substantially interfere with a pulse subsequent to the specific pulse.

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4. (Original) A method of treating a cornea of an eye to effect a refractive correction of the eye, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. delivering a corneal ablating laser beam to an eye in a series of pulses, the series of pulses creating a series of plumes; and
- b. spacing each pulse in the series of pulses a distance sufficient so that a plume associated with a previous pulse does not substantially interfere with a pulse subsequent to the previous pulse.

Claims 5-11 (Canceled)